



INSTRUCTIONS



Application for American Fisheries Act (AFA) Catcher Vessel Permit

Complete a separate application for each catcher vessel. Type or print legibly in ink; retain a copy of completed application for your records. Mail completed forms to:

**National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Region,
Restricted Access Management (RAM),
P.O. Box 21668,
Juneau, AK 99802-1668.**

If you need additional information, call RAM toll free at (800) 304-4846 (#2) or (907) 586-7202 (#2).

Please allow at least 10 working days for your application to be processed. Items will be sent by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions *and* include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or a corporate account number for express delivery.

BLOCK A - VESSEL INFORMATION

1. Enter complete name of vessel as displayed in official documentation.
2. Enter 5-digit State of Alaska, Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Vessel Registration Number (example: 51233).
3. Enter U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) documentation number (example: 566722).
4. Enter vessel telephone number, if any.
- 5-7. Enter gross tons, shaft horsepower, and registered length (in feet) from USCG documentation.

BLOCK B - OWNER INFORMATION

Enter owner information for the vessel listed in Block A

1. Enter the full name(s) of the owner(s) and signatures of each owner. If there is more than one owner, list the principal owner first. The permit will be issued to the first owner listed, with an *et al.* notation. The permit **MUST** be issued to the owner of the vessel, not operators or lessees.
2. Enter Social Security number or Tax Identification Number of owner(s)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: Your Social Security number (SSN) is confidential and is protected under the Privacy Act. Disclosure of your SSN is voluntary. The primary purpose for soliciting the SSN is to provide a unique identifier to verify the identity of the applicant(s) for issuance of a federal fishery permit and to avoid inappropriate release of confidential records related to federal commercial fishery permits. In the event it is not provided, NMFS will assign a unique code that will identify your records.

3. Enter complete PERMANENT business mailing address of owner, including street or P.O. box, city, state, and zip code. Your permit will be sent to this address. If you need to have your permit sent to a different address, please enter your PERMANENT business address on the application and attach a note with your alternate address.

4. Enter business telephone number used by the vessel owner, including area code. It is very important that you provide a telephone number where we can contact you to avoid delays in permit processing.
- 5-6. Enter business FAX number, including area code, and business e-mail (if available) used by the vessel owner.
7. Enter the name of any company (other than the owner) that manages the operations of your vessel.

BLOCK C - VESSEL AFA QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Under the AFA, a vessel can be qualified to deliver BSAI pollock to an AFA catcher/processor **or** to one or both of the following: AFA mothership or AFA inshore processor. Indicate the AFA catcher vessel permit sector endorsement(s) requested. All claims of catch history are subject to NMFS verifications.

Catcher Vessel Delivering to AFA Catcher/Processors

1. Is this vessel listed by name in the AFA Section 208(b) [see below]? Indicate YES or NO.
AMERICAN CHALLENGER (USCG documentation number 597377);
FORUM STAR (USCG documentation number 925863);
MUIR MILACH (USCG documentation number 611524);
NEAHKAHNIE (USCG documentation number 599534);
OCEAN HARVESTER (USCG documentation number 549892);
SEA STORM (USCG documentation number 628959);
TRACY ANNE (USCG documentation number 904859); and
2. If NO, in 1997 did this vessel deliver at least 250 mt of BSAI pollock and at least 75 percent of it's 1997 BSAI pollock catch to offshore catcher/processers? Indicate YES or NO.

Catcher Vessel Delivering to AFA Motherships

1. Is this vessel listed by name in the AFA Section 208(c) [see below]? Indicate YES or NO.
ALEUTIAN CHALLENGER (USCG documentation number 603820);
ALYESKA (USCG documentation number 560237);
AMBER DAWN (USCG documentation number 529425);
AMERICAN BEAUTY (USCG documentation number 613847);
CALIFORNIA HORIZON (USCG documentation number 590758);
MAR-GUN (USCG documentation number 525608);
MARGARET LYN (USCG documentation number 615563);
MARK I (USCG documentation number 509552);
MISTY DAWN (USCG documentation number 926647);
NORDIC FURY (USCG documentation number 542651);
OCEAN LEADER (USCG documentation number 561518);
OCEANIC (USCG documentation number 602279);
PACIFIC ALLIANCE (USCG documentation number 612084);
PACIFIC CHALLENGER (USCG documentation number 518937);
PACIFIC FURY (USCG documentation number 561934);
PAPADO II (USCG documentation number 536161);
TRAVELER (USCG documentation number 929356);
VESTERAALEN (USCG documentation number 611642);
WESTERN DAWN (USCG documentation number 524423); and
2. If NO, did this vessel deliver at least 250 mt of BSAI pollock to AFA listed motherships in 1996, or 1997, or January 1 through September 1 of 1998? Indicate YES or NO.

Catcher Vessel Delivering to AFA Inshore Processor

1. Did this vessel deliver to inshore processors at least 250 mt of pollock harvested in the BSAI directed pollock fishery in 1996, or 1997, or January 1 through September 1 of 1998? Indicate YES or NO.
2. If NO, is this vessel less than 60 feet LOA, and did it deliver to inshore processors at least 40 mt of BSAI pollock in 1996, or 1997, or January 1 through September 1 of 1998? Indicate YES or NO.

BLOCK D - VESSEL CRAB ACTIVITY INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CRAB SIDEBOARD ENDORSEMENTS

To participate in any BSAI king or Tanner crab fishery, indicate the AFA crab sideboard endorsement(s) requested. This endorsement authorizes the catcher vessel to retain that crab species. Each requested endorsement must be documented.

Did this vessel make one or more legal landings in the following BSAI directed crab fisheries in the years indicated? Indicate YES or NO.

1. Bristol Bay red king or Tanner crab (BBRKC). Any BSAI king or Tanner crab species in 1996, 1997, *or* on or before February 7, 1998.
2. St. Matthew Island blue king crab - in 1995, 1996, *or* 1997.
3. Pribilof Islands red and blue king crab - in 1995, 1996, *or* 1997
4. Aleutian Islands (Adak) brown king crab - in the 1997/1998 *and* 1998/1999 fisheries.
5. Aleutian Islands (Adak) red king crab - in the 1995/1996 *and* 1998/1999 fisheries.
6. C. *Opilio* Tanner crab - in each of four or more of the ten years from 1988 - 1997
7. C. *Bairdi* Tanner crab - in 1995 *or* 1996

Exemption to crab harvesting sideboards

Did this vessel make a legal landing of crab in every BBRKC, *Opilio* Tanner crab, and *Bairdi* Tanner crab fishery opening from 1991 to 1997? Indicate YES or NO.

BLOCK E - VESSEL EXEMPTIONS FROM AFA CATCHER VESSEL GROUND FISH SIDEBOARD DIRECTED FISHING CLOSURES

To obtain an exemption from certain groundfish sideboard directed fishing closures, indicate exemptions requested. You must provide supporting documentation that the catcher vessel qualifies for the exemption based on the criteria set out below.

1. GOA groundfish species. Does your catcher vessel qualify for an exemption from AFA catcher vessel sideboards in the GOA groundfish fisheries, as indicated below? Indicate YES or NO:
 - Catcher vessel is less than 125 ft (38.1 m) LOA
 - Catcher vessel has landed a combined total of less than 5,100 mt of BSAI pollock in the BSAI directed pollock fishery from 1995 through 1997
 - Catcher vessel has made 40 or more legal landings of GOA groundfish in a directed fishery for GOA groundfish from 1995 through 1997

2. BSAI Pacific cod. Does your catcher vessel qualify for an exemption from AFA catcher vessel sideboards in the

BSAI Pacific cod fishery, as indicated below? Indicate YES or NO:

Catcher vessel is less than 125 ft (38.1 m) LOA

Catcher vessel has landed a combined total of less than 5,100 mt of BSAI pollock in the

BSAI directed pollock fishery from 1995 through 1997

Catcher vessel has made 30 or more legal landings of Pacific cod in the BSAI

directed fishery for Pacific cod from 1995 through 1997

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Sue Salveson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) The NMFS may not conduct or sponsor this information request, and you are not required to respond to this information request, unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number; 2) This information is being used to implement the American Fisheries Act; 3) Federal law and regulations require and authorize NMFS to manage commercial fishing effort; 4) Submission of this information is required of all persons seeking to participate in the groundfish fisheries under authority of AFA; 5) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing effort under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 6) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*). They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. These procedures have been implemented under the NMFS Operations Manual entitled, "Data Security Handbook for the Northwest-Alaska Region National Marine Fisheries Service."
